NOTICE OF RELATED ACTION

Plaintiff St. Matthew's University (Cayman) Ltd. ("ST. MATTHEW'S") submits this notice of a related action, filed but undisclosed to this Court, by Defendant David L. Fredrick ("FREDRICK") in the United States District Court, District of Maine, Case No. 06-CV-00052-DBH (the "Maine Action"), filed <u>after</u> his appearance and motion practice before this Court. Defendant FREDRICK has filed and served the following documents:

- FREDRICK's "Complaint for Declaratory Judgment," filed on March 9, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which does <u>not</u> disclose the existence of the present action before this Court; and
- 2. FREDRICK's "Amended Complaint for Declaratory Judgment," filed one day later on March 10, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Notably, the complaints filed in the Maine Action are for declaratory relief as to the exact allegations made in Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint ("FAC"), now before this Court in Nevada. At the time Defendant FREDRICK filed the Maine Action: a) he had been served with the FAC in the present action; b) he had appeared before this Court on motions to challenge personal jurisdiction and venue, and on motions under Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 12(b)(6) (motions dated February 14, 2006); and c) he was engaged in active settlement negotiations with Plaintiff regarding this action.

Plaintiff will be filing motions to dismiss and for sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 11 in both actions, as the Maine filings were without legal merit and for the purpose of causing Plaintiff undue burden and expense, and on the grounds Defendant's failure to disclose the Maine Action to this Court was intentional and for the purpose of obstructing justice and hiding sanctionable conduct pending the Court's determination on FREDRICK's outstanding motions.

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# **EXHIBIT A**Complaint for Declaratory Judgment

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

		CIVIL ACTION NO.:	06-CV-00052-DBH
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- 7. Fredrick repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
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VIA FACSIMILE 508-798-3537, Confirmed by First Class Mail

RE: St. Matthew's University v. Saba University, Dr. Fredrick, Dr. Hough, et. al.; Calculation of Damages

Dear Mr. Angelini:

In our last phone conversation on December 1, I stated that I would provide more details to you on the issue of damages. Generally on the issue of damages, our client has compelling reasons to pursue this case through the lifting of the seal, full discovery and judgment against your clients and the other named defendants. The false and misleading information that your clients have disseminated has inflicted great harm and will residually cause damages some years into the future.

As a leading example, the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP) is an organization of over 900 health professions advisors at colleges and universities throughout the United States; the adviser members of the NAAHP are the individuals providing advice to students throughout the United States deciding on medical schools to which to apply. The NAAHP has endorsed and approved AAIMG, and the asimg com website, multiple times to its members in writing and at conferences, during which time the asimg com website was being operated under false pretenses and disseminating false and damaging information about our client.

As a second example, several hospital clinical sites have terminated our client's clinical programs, specifically citing the animg.com website, resulting in a loss of crucial rotation placement opportunities, and damaging St. Matthew's reputation in the academic and clinical communities.

As a third example, our investigations indicate that your clients acted to interfere with St. Matthew's accreditation process before the Medical Board of California, resulting in the denial of our client's application to its significant detriment. The impact of this is far-reaching, as the actions of the Medical Board of California have caused other states to question the accreditation of our client.

In addition to such targeted fraud, as a final example, we know that your clients, under the guise of AAIMG, have for <u>years</u> conducted email and postal-mailing campaigns directed towards prospective medical students and their families, loan providers, hospitals, clinical affiliates, and advanced education advisors, disseminating misleading and fraudulent information purposefully designed to injure our client in those parties' eyes.

We are quite certain that full discovery as to these matters will only serve to reveal further fraud and misconduct on the part of your clients to an even greater extent than that already established.

The purpose for citing these examples is to explain the great incentive St. Matthew's has in publicly exposing the fraudulent nature of AAIMG and identifying the specific individuals who have actively promoted AAIMG's fraud over the years. Conversely, any calculation of damages to be paid to St. Matthew's pursuant to a confidential settlement under the present seal must take into account the benefit our client would necessarily forgo of a public vindication of the injuries inflicted upon its reputation.

In our phone conversation you commented that any settlement must take into consideration the ability of the defendants to pay. While I agree that this is an important consideration, I do not have any information or other reference points regarding your clients from which to draw any conclusions about their ability to pay. The damages to our client are significant and to an extent quantifiable at this point, as reflected in my initial demand letter and further detailed below. On the issue of the ability to pay, however, I cannot do anything but defer to you to address this issue as it relates to my client's present expectations.

### Timing of Damages

You specifically requested more information on the issue of the timing of damages incurred by my client. On this issue there are generally three categories of damages, based on liability under the Lanham Act and the other causes of action, that align with certain time periods.

First, there are damages that resulted from AAIMG's misleading statements about Saba/MUA and the industry, without revealing the true source of such statements, which wrongfully bolstered the standing of your client's medical schools at a relative cost to that of St. Matthew's. The damages in this category may have begun to incur as early as 1997, at the time of the founding of our client as a medical school.

It is clear that damages began to accrue at least as of the 1999 launch of the aaimg.com website. The website initially gave our client only "provisional approval," claiming that our client was deficient in over 25% of the purported criteria. Shortly thereafter, your clients moved our client into the deficient category on the aaimg.com

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The launch of the website was preceded, however, by prior tortious conduct on the part of your clients giving rise to damages, in the form of postal mail campaigns directed at hospital clinical sites, loan providers and other key industry organizations. These letters, like the aaimg.com website, falsely lauded Saba University/MUA and wrongfully disparaged its competitors, without revealing the true source of such statements, with the aim of improving Saba Univeristy/MUA's reputation in the community at the cost and to the detriment of competing institutions. An example of such a letter, predating the launch of the aaimg.com website, is attached to the amended complaint as Exhibit I.

The forgoing types of damages, greatly magnified by further fraudulent acts, continue to accrue to the present day, and by their nature will continue into the future, with potentially increasing effect, regarding all aspects of St. Matthew's business to include various accreditation proceedings.

### Types of Damages

Regarding the types of damages, our amended complaint lists the following:

- damage to worldwide reputation;
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- denials of clinical and residency placements for St. Matthew's hardworking medical students and graduates.

The effects of the defendant's misconduct upon the NAAHP cannot be understated in this matter. The NAAHP has given is imprimatur to AAIMG and the supposed substantial value of AAIMG to the population of pre-med advisers in the United States. This imprimatur has been in writing in its journal, in references to AAIMG in at least two NAAHP conferences, and in handouts at those conferences. As an organization that provides guidance to the hundreds or pre-med advisers throughout the United States, NAAHP's actions to embrace the misleading and fraudulent "findings" of AAIMG have caused a great amount of harm. And the effects of this harm will extend years into the future.

## Quantifiable Damages; Punitive Damages

As one component of the measure of damages, we have calculated the loss incurred as a result of each student who did not enroll in St. Matthew's as a result of the defendants' actions. After factoring in yearly attrition rates and a conservative growth rate over the next five years, we calculate that the defendants' actions will result in the total loss of over 1000 students in the time period from 1999 to 2010, assuming the seal is never lifted. This figure of 1000 students reflects a range of between 35 and 180 students per year not enrolling in St. Matthew's during this time period as a proximate result of the defendants' targeted efforts to mislead the public and to defame our client in its academic reputation. This loss in student enrollment alone translates to lost revenue of over \$91 million, and lost profit of over \$32 million.

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Our offer of \$50 million is far below what we could obtain in the form of a judgment. That said, I do recognize ability to pay as a legitimate concern, even though I do not have knowledge of relevant information that would allow me to factor that into our damages calculations. I defer to you on this issue of the ability to pay, and I do hope that this letter will facilitate a productive discussion on settlement of this matter.

As always, I may be reached at (415) 955-1155, ext. 114, or at  $\underline{\text{karl}}\underline{\textit{@kronenbergerlaw.com}}$ .

Thank you,

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# **EXHIBIT B**Amended Complaint for Declaratory Judgment

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

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DAVID L. FREDRICK,	) )
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vs.	)
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